



# Farm Report



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**FEATURING:** ☐ Egg Production ☐ Farm Labor ☐ Livestock Slaughter ☐ Milk Production ☐ Cold Storage

## OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during October, 2007 totaled 596 million eggs, up 3 percent from last month. However, egg production was down 3 percent from a year earlier when production for October, 2006, totaled 615 million eggs. During October, there were 26.2 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during October, 2007, was 2,274 eggs per 100 layers, or 73.4 percent. There were 2.5 percent of the layers in Ohio being molted on November 1, 2007, compared to 6.5 percent a year ago. Ohio had 18.0 percent of its layers that completed a forced molt on November 1, compared with 22.0 percent a year ago. In the U.S. on November 1, 2007, 2.6 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.8 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during October 2007, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.57 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2007 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,253 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 2007 totaled 343 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of

284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.87 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2007, averaged 72.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from November 1, 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2007 totaled 35.8 million, down 1 percent from October 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.5 million on November 1, 2007, up 9 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2007 totaled 795 million, up 3 percent from October 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on November 1, 2007, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2007, in the United States totaled 31.1 million, up 5 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the October 2007 total of 30.4 million. The 25.4 million poults placed during October 2007 in the United States were up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago.

## OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated <sup>1/</sup>	
	2006	2007	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,566	26,204	2,274	615	596	6,924	6,571
U.S.	344,538	341,490	2,253	7,678	7,695	83,328	82,687

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period began December of previous year.

## CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed <sup>1/</sup>		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Oct.	36,162	35,767	99	772,942	795,371	103	24,891	25,395	102
Jan.-Oct.	361,331	375,871	104	7,901,081	8,009,059	101	48,425	49,468	102

<sup>1/</sup> Accumulation period for turkey begins September 1.

## EGGS IN INCUBATORS - NOVEMBER 1

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06	2006	2007	07/06
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
East North Central <sup>1/</sup>	6,429	6,882	107	9,054	11,969	132	4,907	4,666	95
United States	31,562	34,450	109	607,694	633,577	104	29,615	31,081	105

<sup>1/</sup> Not available by States.

## CORNBELT I HIRED WORKERS UP 4 PERCENT, COMBINED WAGE RATE DOWN SLIGHTLY

There were 50,000 hired workers in the Cornbelt I region during the survey week of October 7-13, 2007, up 2,000 from a year earlier. There were 33,000 hired workers who worked 150 days or more and 17,000 hired workers who worked 149 days or less.

Farm operators in the Cornbelt I region paid their hired farm workers an average wage of \$10.60 per hour during the survey week, down 0.03 cents/hr from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.24 per hour, up 12 cents / hr from 2006. Livestock workers earned \$9.75 per hour up 71 cents/hr from a year earlier. The field and livestock workers earned \$10.10 per hour during the survey week, up 0.35 cents/hr. from last year.

There were 1,122,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 7-13, 2007, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 806,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 316,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.33 per hour during the October 2007 reference week, up 37 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.62 per hour, up 36 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.42 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.72 per hour, was up 42 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up fractionally from a year ago.

In the Cornbelt I region, the annual average number of hired farm workers in 2007 was 46,500, down 300 workers from 2006. The annual average for the Nation's hired farm workers was 739,800, down 12,000 workers from 2006. The average hourly wage rate of Cornbelt I region workers was \$10.55 in 2007, down from \$10.59 in 2006. Field worker average wage rate was \$10.08, down 0.10 cents from last year. Field and livestock combined rate was \$9.90 up 0.02 cents from last year.

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, CORNBELT I, AND U.S., OCTOBER 7-13, 2007, WITH COMPARISONS

	Cornbelt I <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	Oct. 8-14 2006	July 8-14 2007	Oct. 7-13 2007	Oct. 8-14 2006	July 8-14 2007 <sup>5/</sup>	Oct. 7-13 2007
<b>Thousands of workers</b>						
Farm Employment						
Hired	48	53	50	800	843	806
150 days or more	33	34	33	595	596	590
149 days or less	15	19	17	205	247	216
Ag service workers				286	363	316
<b>Dollars per hour</b>						
Wage Rates						
All hired farm workers <sup>3/ 4/</sup>	10.63	10.20	10.60	9.96	9.99	10.33
Type of work						
Field	10.12	9.22	10.24	9.26	9.24	9.62
Livestock	9.04	10.32	9.75	9.42	9.73	9.98
Field & Livestock	9.75	9.57	10.10	9.30	9.37	9.72
<b>Hours worked per week</b>						
Hired	40.5	36.0	42.7	41.9	41.4	42.1

1/ Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. 2/ Excludes AK. 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals are provided for some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 5/ Revised.

ANNUAL FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, OHIO, CORNBELT I, AND U.S., 2006-2007 <sup>4/</sup>

	Ohio		Cornbelt <sup>1/</sup>		United States <sup>2/</sup>	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>Thousands of workers</b>						
Farm Employment						
Hired	NA	NA	46.8	46.5	751.8	739.8
<b>Dollars per hour</b>						
Wage Rates <sup>3/ 4/</sup>						
Type of work						
All hired	NA	NA	10.59	10.55	9.87	10.21
Field	NA	NA	10.18	10.08	9.06	9.40
Field & Livestock	NA	NA	9.88	9.90	9.15	9.49
<b>Hours worked per week</b>						
Hired	NA	NA	38.3	39.5	40.5	40.7

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## OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP THREE PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during October 2007 totaled 27.3 million pounds; up 3 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 12.4 million pounds, up 2 percent; calves, very little slaughter; hogs, 28.1 million pounds, up 4 percent; sheep & lambs, 158 thousand pounds, up 21 percent.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.61 billion pounds in October, up 10 percent from the 4.20 billion pounds produced in October 2006. Beef production, at 2.44 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 8 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,300 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 16 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,200

head, up 3 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was down 59 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.14 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.7 million head, up 11 percent from October 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 16.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 248,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from October a year ago.

October 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

### OCTOBER COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 2006, 2007

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	Pct. of prev. yr.	2006	2007	Pct. of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	10.4	10.6	102	2,858.1	3,099.6	108
Calves	.1	.1	100	63.6	65.2	103
Hogs	100.6	104.0	103	9,632.0	10,654.4	111
Sheep & lambs	1.2	1.5	125	237.3	248.0	105
Average live weight (lbs)						
Cattle	1,175	1,168	99	1,291	1,300	101
Calves	351	350	100	347	288	83
Hogs	269	271	101	269	270	100
Sheep & lambs	107	105	98	131	132	101
Total live weight (000 lbs)						
Cattle	12,118	12,391	102	3,676,944	4,015,128	109
Calves	31	35	113	21,900	18,559	85
Hogs	27,066	28,131	104	2,589,179	2,870,108	111
Sheep & lambs	131	158	121	31,139	32,710	105

## OHIO OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during October 2007 was 404 million pounds, 9 million pounds more than a year earlier.

The average number of cows on Ohio farms during October 2007 was 277 thousand; 3 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,460 pounds, was 1 percent above a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2006. September

revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from September 2006. The September revision presented an increase of 10.0 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,699 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.35 million head, 98,000 head more than October 2006, and 13,000 head more than September 2007.

### SEPTEMBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS 2006, 2007

	Ohio			United States		
	2006	2007	2007	2006	2007	2007
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,143	2,035	95	74,979	70,928	95

### OCTOBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION 2006, 2007

State	Milk cows on farm <sup>1/</sup>			Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>			
	Oct. 2006	Sept. 2007 *	Oct. 2007	Oct. 2006	Sept. 2007 *	Oct. 2007	Oct. 2006	Sept. 2007 *	Oct. 2007	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,778	1,821	1,826	1,815	1,785	1,870	3,227	3,250	3,415	106
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>102</b>
Wisconsin	1,244	1,248	1,249	1,555	1,575	1,615	1,934	1,966	2,017	104
23 State Total	8,255	8,340	8,353	1,652	1,646	1,699	13,637	13,725	14,190	104

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. \*Revised

## U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on October 31, 2007, were greater than year earlier levels for butter, turkey, pork and beef.

Butter stocks were down 19 percent from last month but up 24 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 2 percent from both the previous month and last year. Frozen pork supplies were also up 2 percent from both the previous month and last year. Stocks of pork

bellies were up 19 percent from last month and up 30 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2007 were down 5 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 5 percent from the previous month but down 8 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 18 percent from last month but up 2 percent from October 31, 2006.

### STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE OCTOBER 31, 2007 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2006	Sep. 30, 2007	Oct. 31, 2007	October 31, 2007 as percent of	
				10/31/06	09/30/07
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	157,571	240,254	195,360	124	81
Cheese, Total Natural	810,183	802,873	793,604	98	99
Eggs, Frozen	16,262	17,696	17,514	108	99
Fruits, Frozen	1,179,699	1,174,058	1,336,147	113	114
Fruit Juices, Frozen	976,536	928,824	906,186	93	98
Meats, Total Red	993,984	990,692	1,009,669	102	102
Beef, Total Frozen	485,713	485,666	492,892	101	101
Pork, Total Frozen	488,409	484,934	496,338	102	102
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,133,267	1,143,849	1,082,952	96	95
Chicken	723,519	632,424	664,627	92	105
Turkeys	404,171	504,882	412,372	102	82
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,592,243	2,337,984	2,418,955	93	103
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,066,599	1,079,967	1,135,127	106	105

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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